



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: Amend WAC 16-436 Peach standards by repealing WAC 16-436-186 (containers), removing all container requirements associated with peaches.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 15.17 RCW Standards of Grades and Packs and 34.05 RCW Administrative Procedures Act.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: By removing the container requirements, growers/packers and shippers would be allowed to pack and market various types of containers that may be requested or required by the buyers and the consuming public.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) In response to a request from the Washington State Fruit Commission, WSDA staff will develop the rule proposal. In turn, industry representatives will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced when the Department files the rule proposal with the Code Reviser.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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